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SUBJ: CYPRUS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER TETENES AND SECRETARY GENERAL VLACHOS BOTH TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT THE DEATH OF GRIVAS SHOULD EASE POLITICAL TENSIONS IN CYPRUS AND FACILITATE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. IN REPLY TO MY PROBING TETENES STATED GOG AND MAKARIOS APPEARED TO BE ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH REGARDING THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AND HE DID NOT FORESEE IMPORTANT DIVERGENCES IN PROSPECT IN THIS RESPECT. TETENES THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOT ELEMENTS STILL FAR APART, BUT HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO PRESSURE FROM TURKISH SIDE AS THE TALKS SHOULD PROCEED ON THEIR PRESENT COURSE. IN THIS CONNECTION HE AGAIN REFERRED TO GOT EFFORT TO GET GOG TO AGREE ON A PACKAGE SETTLEMENT FOR THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, BUT HE REITERATED CLEAR GOG OBJECTION TO ANY SUCH PROCEDURE, EMPHASIZING BELIEF THAT GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS SHOULD CONTINUE TALKS, ALONG WITH GREEK AND TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL

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EXPERTS, AS WELL AS UN REPRESENTATIVE.

3. NEITHER TETENES OR VLACHOS WERE PREPARED TO COMMENT UPON MY QUESTION AS TO WHAT GOG THOUGHT MIGHT BE ATTITUDE OF NEW GOT GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO TIMING FOR CONCLUSION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. TETENES FOUND REFERENCE TO "FEDERATION" NOT HELPFUL, WHILE VLACHOS THOUGHT TERM WAS FLEXIBLE, AND IF CONSIDERED AS A FUNCTIONAL CONCEPT, IT COULD FIT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT. TASCA

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